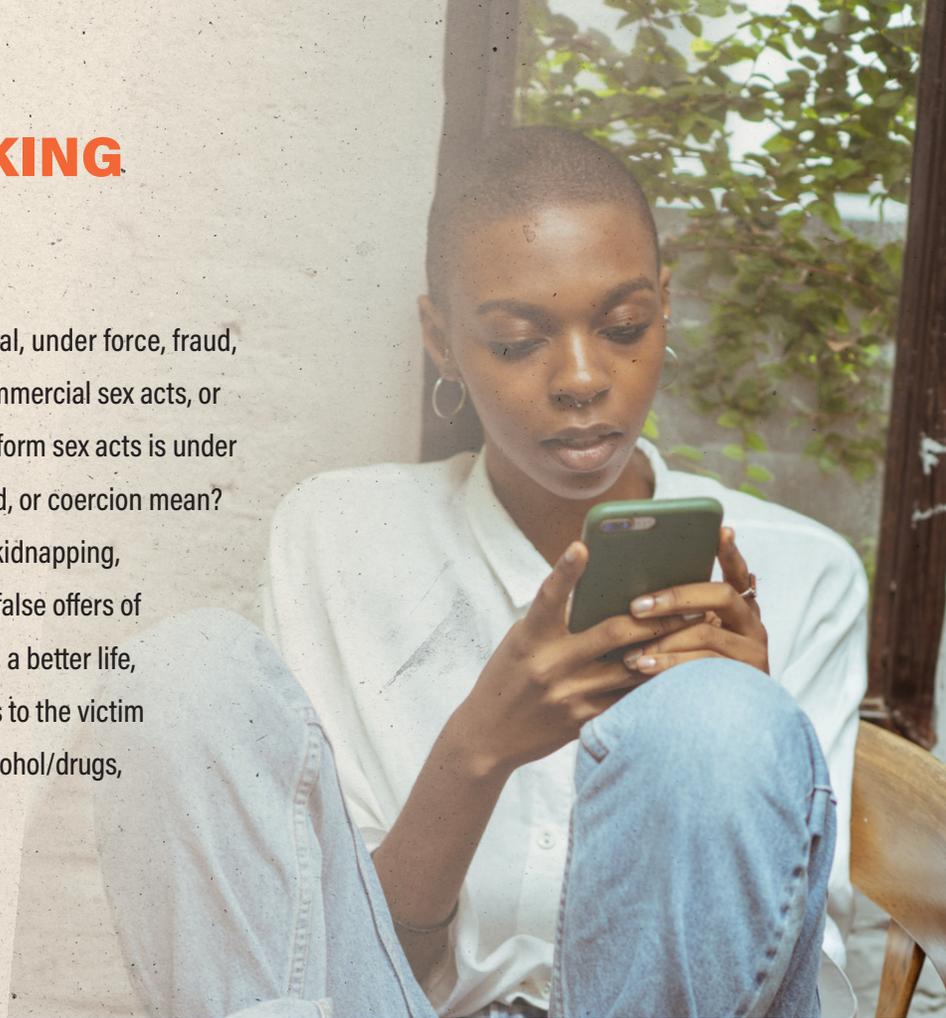




# SEX TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET

## What is sex trafficking?

Sex trafficking is when an individual, under force, fraud, or coercion, is made to perform commercial sex acts, or when the individual induced to perform sex acts is under the age of 18. What does force, fraud, or coercion mean? Force is physical violence such as kidnapping, rape, and restraint. Fraud includes false offers of employment, promises of marriage, a better life, or a career. Coercion can be threats to the victim and/or the victim's family, use of alcohol/drugs, and/or psychological abuse.



## TYPES OF SEX TRAFFICKING

The National Human Trafficking Hotline has identified sex trafficking in the following venues:

- ▷ Personal sexual servitude
- ▷ Escort services
- ▷ Pornography
- ▷ Residential brothels
- ▷ Outdoor solicitation
- ▷ Bars, strip clubs, and cantinas
- ▷ Remote interactive sexual acts
- ▷ Illicit massage, health, and beauty

## COMMON SIGNS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

### An individual who:

- ▷ Is under 18 and engaging in commercial sex work
- ▷ Displays fearful, anxious, or submissive behavior
- ▷ Shows signs of poor hygiene, malnourishment, or fatigue
- ▷ Lacks freedom of movement or is heavily monitored
- ▷ Shows signs of physical or sexual abuse
- ▷ Has been recruited through false promises concerning the nature & conditions of his/her work
- ▷ Is unpaid or paid very little for his/her work
- ▷ Has a large amount of debt that he/she is unable to pay off
- ▷ Is dressed inappropriately for the climate or his/her age
- ▷ Lacks control over money, identification, or phone

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**Do not intervene**

**In case of emergency, call 911**

**To report a tip or seek help, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text "INFO" to 233733**